

## WHAT IS BARNYARD MANURE WORTH?

Prof. Harry Snyder of the Minnesota Agricultural College makes the following statement in *F. S. and H.*, based on actual facts, to show the worth of barnyard manure in actual money value. He states that its chemical analysis shows it to be worth \$2 to \$3 per ton. If applied to a worn-out soil at the rate of 8 tons per acre, the increase in corn the first year will be 20 to 25 bushels per acre. This would be worth \$7, the next year the land will produce 6 bushels more of wheat, worth say \$4.50, if seeded to clover it would yield at least a ton more of hay, worth \$5. Following the clover with wheat again a gain of 8 bushels per acre, worth \$6, will follow. Then will come 12 to 15 bushels more of oats, worth \$3. He sums up the increase of value as follows:

"The increase in the five crops, due to the dressing of 8 tons of farm manure and the production of clover, is alone worth \$25, making the value of the manure \$3 per ton distributed over five years, equivalent to 60 cents per ton as the annual crop producing value of the manure. These are not excessive increases in yield, in many cases even larger returns are secured from the application of manure and the production of clover on worn-out land. Thus it will be seen that it is a conservative estimate to consider the manure alone worth at least \$3 per ton because of the increased yield secured from its application, and this additional yield is secured with little additional expense in working the soil."—*Colman's Rural World*.

## ANNUAL SALE AT PRAIRIE HOME

The annual sales of Shorthorns and Ayrshires at Prairie Home, Hon. Thos. Greenway's stock farm at Crystal City, Man., have come to be fixed institutions in the farming world. Mr. Greenway has been a tower of strength to the Shorthorn breed, both as an exhibitor, breeder and buyer, and this year offers a choice collection from which the most fastidious may pick something to his taste, and the average farmer secure stock whose influence in his herd will make for more economical production and easier keeping qualities. Sale reports from all over the world except our own west indicates that Shorthorn prices are soaring and it is probable that never again will values rule so low as at present.

A recent visit to Prairie Home found things in careful preparation for the sale on June 13th; "Jock" Brown was quietly feeding, watering and brushing with an eye to each animal as though he could detect the exact effect of each day's treatment. Prairie Home has a reputation for good cattle both Shorthorns and Ayrshires, and the appearance of the stock offered this year indicates that this reputation will be maintained. The offering is not entirely made up of first class show stock but includes big, growthy, breedy, looking cows, young, budding heifers, and useful, fleshy, growing bulls all calculated to work a general improvement in the cattle stock of the country. That they will do this their breeding proves, for, in the lot can be traced the blood of sires of noted and world-wide repute. There are Judges, Royal Sailors, Sittytton Stamps, Ducal Crowns, Royal Princes, Rockets, Sittytton Hero 7ths and others with illustrious sires, besides many dams are either imported or from imported dams and sires. There are twenty seven females offered all of those of breeding age being in calf to first class bulls, the most generally used being the imported Rosy Morning, now heading the herd.

The bulls catalogued present a grand offering. They are headed by Royal Duke a big, massive, red seven-year-old which has been used in the herd for some years. He is by the renowned show and stock bull, Royal Sailor imp., a richly bred Marr Red or Roan Lady bull got by Sea King, a Spice bred at Sittytton and traces back to the great stock bull, William of Orange. His dam was Mildred 5th, a Mina which family has been extensively used by all the great Scottish breeders. They are well fleshed as well as being good milkers and one of the best money-making families in the Shorthorn breed. Grandgrave, a red two-year-old is a bull that many would like to own. He

is by Royal Prince, imp., dam Tidy, a Lustre bred cow. Royal Prince was imported in dam by Arthur Johnston and was got by Mystic Archer. Here is a splendid opportunity to get a first class pure Lustre bull.

Warrior's Victor is another two-year-old got by an imported sire Hayle Victor and of the Fashion family, his dam being Beatrice of Rock Lake 2nd. Judge Buckingham is another promising bull being by Judge's Challenger by Mr. Greenway's famous champion Judge and his dam Cleora 4th of Lake Side, one of the best breeding cows ever owned at Prairie Home. His grandsire, Last Call was a Missie, Missie's Baron.

A half-brother to Warrior's Victor is Royal Duke 2nd by Royal Duke with the Vacuna blood on his dam's side. Royal Duke is also the sire of the yearling, Royal Crown whose dam is the cow Red Sharon by the imported bull Ducal Crown; she also is for sale.

The only bull by Judge offered is Judges' Last, dam Lady Bell imp. Other yearling bulls are Count Careless a Rosebud by Captain, Loggan's Heir, a Vacuna by Judge's Challenger, Judge Victor by Victor of the Ring and Western Victor by the same sire.

Among the females noticed for sale at the time of our visit were Canopus, a Miller bred cow, now with a heifer calf by Royal Duke; Red Sharon by the imported Cruickshank bull Ducal Crown, Princess Buckingham a beautiful wide smooth four-year-old by Royal Prince, and now in calf to Rosy Morning imp.; Sylvan Beauty an aged red cow rather old fashioned but carrying lots of flesh, by Sittytton Stamp, imp., and in calf to Rosy Morning; Isabella 5th a big, smooth roan of the Isabella family in calf to Royal Duke; Winsome Lass by the good bull Jubilee imp., dam Begonia, now with calf at foot by Royal Duke; Rose of Prairie Home a deep, wide, well matured cow by Judge, dam the imported cow, Red Rose, now in calf to Rosy Morning; Hazel a nice, smooth roan with good loin and quarters in calf to Rosy Morning; Sittytton Pansy a nice type of breeding heifer, two off, and in calf to Rosy Morning, she is by the great sire Sittytton Hero 7th, the second prize bull at the Pan American only being beaten by the \$5,000 imported Lord Banff; Princess Mysie and her half-sister Mysie Westburn by Bapton Chancellor imp.; Beauty Spot 2nd by Prairie Canadian by Scottish Canadian and dam by Royal Sailor, she is now in calf to Rosy Morning. This is a heifer that "looks awful good" both in her form and pedigree. Blela 2nd and Isabella of Thorndale 6th are a pair of yearling half-sisters by Challenge that could do a man a lot of good.

This list does not include all the offering at Prairie Home, there are many probably equally as good and from out of the lot one can pick something that will do his heart and purse good.

Railway rates on the certificate plan have been arranged. The sale will begin at one o'clock immediately after lunch. Five months credit will be given on approved notes with interest at six per cent. Three per cent. discount for cash. Capt. T. E. Robson and T. C. Norris will conduct the sale.

A young lady at a summer hotel asked an artist friend, who was spending his vacation there, if he would mind doing a small favor for her.

"Certainly not," he said, "what is it?"

"Thank you so much," she exclaimed gratefully. "I wish you would stop at Mrs. Cannon's little shop and get three large bone buttons, the kind with two small holes in them. They're for my new bathing suit, you know. You tell her who I am and it will be all right. You needn't pay for them."

Now the artist was a bachelor, and had never bought anything but collar buttons before. So on the way to the store he kept repeating the instructions that he had received. Eager to relieve his mind he rushed up to Mrs. Cannon and reeled off this surprising speech: "I want three bone buttons for a small bathing suit with two large holes in it. Just tell me who I am and it will be all right."

## A SPIRITED WITNESS.

Sir Henry Irving was once the guest of honor at a lawyer's banquet in New York. In the course of a graceful address, he said:

"You, gentlemen, have given me most helpful advice on the art of acting—will you permit me to give you in return a piece of advice regarding your profession?"

"My advice, then, is that you make your cross-examination less vigorous, less harsh. What is the good of treating an honest and sensitive witness on the witness stand as though he were a sneak thief? A young man in my company was a witness in a case of robbery. He had seen a thief snatch a young girl's pocketbook and make off."

"Well, the thief's lawyer cross-examined my young friend shamefully. He roared at him, shook his fist at him, raved at him."

"And at what hour did this happen?" the lawyer, sneering, asked toward the end of his examination.

"I think—my friend began, but

he was at once interrupted.

"We don't care anything here about what you think," said the lawyer, with a snort of contempt.

"Don't you want to hear what I think?" said my young friend, mildly.

"Certainly not," the lawyer roared.

"Then," said my friend, "I may as well step down from the box. I'm not a lawyer. I can't talk without thinking."

—*Philadelphia Bulletin*.

## SHE TOLD HIM SO.

A physician took it into his head to go hunting, says the *Boston Herald*, and started out bright and early on a beautiful October morning, fully armed for game.

About four o'clock in the afternoon he returned, tired out and empty-handed, telling his wife he hadn't killed a thing, whereupon she remarked triumphantly:

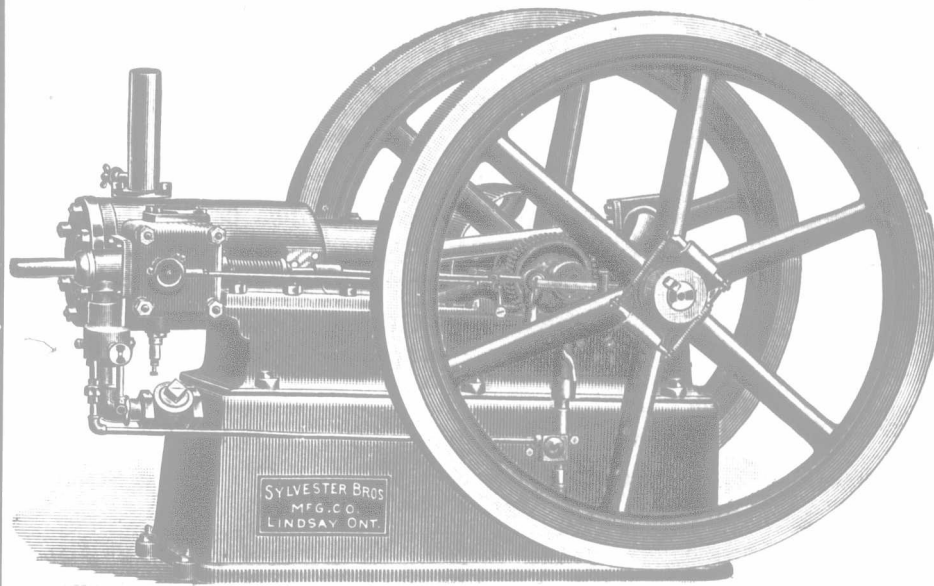
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